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SUBJECT: TUC COMMITTEE SAYS EC RENEGOTIATION INSUFFICIENT

REF: LONDON 4520

1. SUMMARY - THE TUC INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE THIS WEEK
APPROVED A STAFF DOCUMENT WHICH, IN SUM, DECLARES THAT
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RENEGOTIATIONS OF BRITISH TERMS OF ENTRY WERE INSUFFI-

CIENT TO WARRANT A CHANGE IN THE TUC'S POLICY OF CONTINUED OPPOSITION TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE -- WHICH WERE NOT UNEXPECTED -- ARE LIKELY TO RECEIVE THE GENERAL COUNCIL'S STAMP OF APPROVAL WHEN IT MEETS NEXT ON APRIL 23. HOWEVER, PRO-MARKET UNIONS WILL BE FREE TO EXPRESS THEIR OWN VIEWS IN THE REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN AND VOTE THEIR OWN POSITION AT THE CRITICAL SPECIAL LABOR PARTY CONFERENCE ON APRIL 26. IN THE MEANWHILE, TRADE UNION PRO-MARKETEERS WERE KEENLY DISAPPOINTED WHEN A MAJOR EC LEANING UNION, THE MUNICIPAL WORKERS, POSTPONED A VOTE ON THE MARKET. END SUMMARY

2. THE TUC DOCUMENT (FULL TEXT WILL BE POUCHED WHEN AVAILABLE) STRESSES SEVERAL MAJOR AREAS WHERE RENEGOTIATIONS HAVE FAILED TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES SOUGHT BY THE TUC. THE TUC ARGUES (A) THAT THE RENEGOTIATIONS HAVE FAILED TO ACHIEVE A FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN THE CAP AND THIS FAILS TO MEET THE TUC GOAL OF A RETURN TO A NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL POLICY AND TO EXPANSION OF DOMESTIC PRODUCTION;(B) THAT CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP MEANS A SERIOUS IMPAIRMENT OF BRITAIN'S ABILITY TO INTRODUCE NECESSARY MEASURES OF INDUSTRIAL ASSISTANCE AND INDUSTRIAL REORGANIZATION;(C) THAT THE EC WILL CONTINUE TO STRESS AS A CENTRAL THEME THE NOTION OF "FREE COMPETITION" AND TO REGULATE AGAINST LIMITATIONS ON SUCH COMPETITION; (D) AND THAT THERE WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIMINUTION OF BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY IN TERMS OF FORMULATING NATIONAL POLICIES IF BRITAIN REMAINS IN THE EC. THE TUC ALSO EXPRESSED OTHER DISSATISFACTIONS INCLUDING THAT OF THE CONTINUATION OF INEQUITABLE BRITISH BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS.

3. THE MOOD OF THE COMMITTEE WAS BY NO MEANS RANCOROUS. THIS REFLECTED IN LARGE PART THE DETERMINED EFFORTS OF ITS CHAIRMAN, JACK JONES, AND SOME OF HIS OTHER COLLEAGUES TO AVOID A BITTER-END DISPUTE WITHIN EITHER THE PRECINCTS OF THE TUC OR OF THE LABOR PARTY. THIS SPIRIT WAS ALSO ILLUSTRATED IN ACCEPTANCE OF THE STAFF DOCUMENT WITHOUT AMENDMENT BY BOTH PRO- AND ANTI-MARKETEERS ON THE COMMITTEE, TOGETHER WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT PRO-MARKET UNIONS WOULD NOT BE BOUND BY ITS CONCLUSIONS

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SPECIAL LABOR PARTY CONFERENCE. TUC GENERAL SECRETARY
TOLD THE PRESS AFTER THE MEETING THAT "NO POLITICAL
DOGMA" IS INVOLVED IN THE DOCUMENT, THAT IT CALLED FOR A
"FREE, FRANK AND FULLY INFORMED" DEBATE AND THAT "THERE
MAY BE DIFFERENCES BUT NOT DIVISIONS" WITHIN THE TUC AND
THE LABOR PARTY.

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4. COMMENT: WHETHER SWEETNESS AND LIGHT WILL CONTINUE TO PREVAIL IN THE TUC ANYMORE THAN IT DOES IN THE LABOR PARTY OR WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT, FOR THAT MATTER, REMAINS TO BE SEEN. HOWEVER, UNLESS THERE IS A MAJOR SHIFT IN OPINION WITHIN INDIVIDUAL TUC AFFILIATES, THERE WILL VERY LIKELY BE A SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY OF TRADE UNION VOTES AGAINST CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP AT THE PARTY CONFERENCE. AT THIS STAGE, THE BEST PRO-MARKET UNIONS MAY HOPE TO DO IS TO PREVENT AN OVERWHELMING ANTI-MARKET VOTE FROM EMERGING. THE DECISION OF DAVID BASNETT'S GENERAL AND MUNICIPAL WORKERS EXECUTIVE YESTERDAY, APRIL 8, TO POSTPONE A DECISION ON THE EC ISSUE IS A KEEN DISAPPOINTMENT TO PRO-MARKET FORCES IN THE TUC. THE GMWU DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE VOTE UNTIL ITS GENERAL COUNCIL, A LARGER BODY, COULD DECIDE THE ISSUE LATER THIS MONTH. THE EXECUTIVE HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO SUPPORT CONTINUED BRITISH MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC. WHILE THE GENERAL COUNCIL MAY IN FACT DECIDE TO DO SO, THE DELAY IS WORRISOME AND MAY HAVE A CHASTENING EFFECT ON SOME OF THE FENCE-SITTING TUC UNIONS.

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